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Response to Office Action of 11/29/2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 and 4-5 are pending in the application with independent claim 1 amended. Reexamination and reconsideration are hereby requested.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of prior claims 6-7. Claim 6 had been rejected as unpatentable over Keith in view of Rabbani and Rust with Rust disclosing alternative contexts for arithmetic encoding. However, Rust selects between the two context models based upon detected periodicity in the bit pattern; there is no suggestion of an image partitioning and transformation of only an image portion as required by amended claim 1.

Respectfully submitted,



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